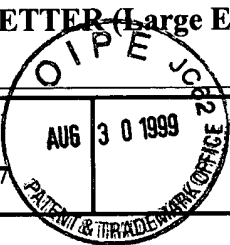


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Invention:

UTILIZATION OF ENERGY ABSORBING LAYER TO IMPROVE METAL FLOW AND FILL IN A NOVEL INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE

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Examiner:

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AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and § 1.115

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 26, 1999 (the "Office Action"), the Applicant submits this Amendment A and response.

## IN THE DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to for failing to show every feature of the invention as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). The Applicant respectfully traverses the objection and respectfully requests consideration of the following. Figure 2 indicates a feature at reference numeral 36 as a dashed line that is positioned situated above the top surface of the dielectric material 14. With respect to feature 36 in Figure 2, the specification sets forth at Page 12, lines 15-22:

A preferable step that follows the forgoing steps is the removal of materials from the semiconductor substrate assembly by an abrasive planarizing process, for

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